

In the Drawings

A corrected sheet of drawings bearing Figures 1-3 is attached for consideration and approval.

Remarks

The shadings in Figure 1 and 3 have been removed and the labelling of the SAU, BOD and CAC can now be seen in Figure 1. Applicants submit that the boxes in Figure 3 are now also readily visible.

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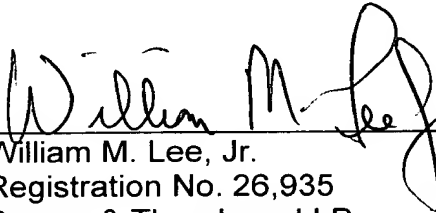
Applicants submit that amended Figure 1 clearly shows the connection between the CAC and BOD. Additionally, on page 15 lines 27 to 29, the specification states that “the periodically filed allocation table is sent from the CAC to the BOD controller, periodically as shown by arrows (2)”. Applicants therefore submit that one skilled in the art on reading the specification and looking at Figure 1 would understand how to connect the CAC and BOD.

With reference to the question over the structure of the CAC and BOD, applicants note that the CAC and BOD are generally implemented as software modules as would be understood by the skilled artisan.

Given the above and that attached, further and favorable reconsideration is urged.

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